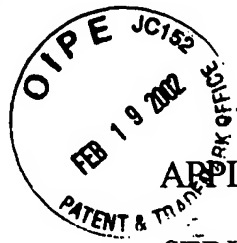


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FOR: Laboratory Tempering Device for Tempering
Different Temperatures

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PETITION TO GRANT A FILING DATE

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the filing date of December 11, 2001 be granted in the above-referenced application.

The above-referenced application was filed by Express Mail on December 11, 2001 (copy of the return postcard is enclosed). The application papers included

- specification, claims and abstract;
- certified copy of the Priority Document DE 100 62889.3;

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- unsigned Declaration; and
- filing fee.

Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application dated January 15, 2002 has been received in the above-referenced application. The Notice alleges that the application was deposited without drawings.

As noted above, the application papers contained a copy of the priority document that included drawings (Figs. 1-11). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application papers contained necessary drawings on its filing date.

It is respectfully requested that the drawings of the priority document be used as informal drawings for the subject application. If another certified copy of the priority document is required, the undersigned respectfully requests to be so notified.

It is respectfully requested that this Petition be granted, and the filing date of December 11, 2001 be accorded to the subject application.

An executed Declaration will be submitted as soon as it is received from our German Associates.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) in the amount of \$130.00 and any additional fees, which may be required, or refund any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: February 4, 2002
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on February 4, 2002.

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